GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a national authority to implement obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention;

(b) whether India has been making periodical declarations of its stockpile of chemical weapons and production facilities within the stipulated time frame;

(c) whether India has enacted a domestic legislation relating to scheduled chemical production as per the norms of the Convention; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) As an original signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention which came into force on 29.4.1997, India has taken the required steps to implement its obligation under the Chemical Weapons Convention. The National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention has been set up as of 5th May, 1997. The Chemical Weapons Convention Act, 2000 has been enacted by the Parliament. The Act provides for giving effect to the various provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention. India has been making regular and periodic declarations, in regard to various obligations, as per the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention.